

I am adamantly opposed to rules that favor more media consolidation. Please take action that serves the public rather than private special interests. I strongly support rolling back the consolidation that you've already allowed.

Our local radio station, KNGT (Jackson, California) was in this community for decades, but last year it was purchased by Clear Channel and they closed KNGT and reopened the station up in another city. We now no longer have a local radio station at all. We've never had a local TV station, as Jackson is just too small.

There is so much consolidation in the media now that it's frightening. Worse of all, there is virtually no news organization that offers an unbiased viewpoint to the news, as they are all owned by corporate giants with their own agendas. FOX and MSNBC are clearly the worst. PBS and BBC are the only two news shows which seem to offer a somewhat unbiased perspective.

In addition to turning back existing consolidation as well as not allowing more, I want to encourage rulemaking returning control of the airwaves to independent companies. It's just not appropriate to have companies involved in other business (NBC & GE & defense contracts, for instance) run our media.

Please, please tighten the rules, not loosed them. Democracy deserves a free and unfettered press.